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TOPIC Soviet Occupation Troops and High Headquarters in SCHWERIN

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1. The military quarters of SCHWERIN (M 54/T 46) were occupied as follows: 50X1-HUM

a. Block of buildings at "Gartenstadt":

High unit headquarters; many officers were seen there.

b. Former Fritsch Kaserne:

Units with black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets were quartered in the northern section of the kaserne.
A high unit headquarters was located in the southern kaserne section.
About 25 new trucks of modern design were seen in and before the garages.

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c. Former Hindenburg Kaserne:

Occupied to capacity by artillery and engineer units.

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d. Former Moltke Kaserne:

Occupied to capacity by tank and artillery units. About 30 tanks were stationed in the kaserne, according to local residents.

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e. Former Krueger Kaserne:

Occupied to capacity by signal units. 50X1-HUM

[redacted]

f. Former Adolf Hitler Kaserne in the woods south of SCHWERIN: Occupied to capacity by troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Courses for officers were allegedly conducted in the kaserne. Troops practiced at the kaserne yard with four motorized guns of about 120 mm caliber.

[redacted]

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g. SCHWERIN-GOLKHUS airdrome: 50X1-HUM

Occupied by artillery units.

[redacted]

2. The following observations were made in SCHWERIN:

a. Former DAF (German Labor Front) building and "Fuesser-krug":

A division headquarters [redacted] 50X1-HUM
Officers identified there:

Col SHVED
Maj ZAPADOSHTSEV
Capt SAVIN.

b. Former Fritsch Kaserne:

Officers identified there:

Lt Col LEONTIOL, kaserne commander
Maj BELAN
Maj GALDANOV
Capt ANDRONYEV.

c. Former Hindenburg Kaserne:

One motorized artillery regiment, commanded by LtCol KUPITOV.
One motorized engineer (bridge construction) battalion, commanded by Lt Col SIMON.

d. Former Moltke Kaserne:

Officers identified there:

LtCol KOLOBANIYEV, kaserne commander
Maj BAZANSKI
Maj KIRICHENKO
Maj TARNOW.

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e. Former Krueger Kaserne:

Officers identified there:

Maj GRUSHIN, administration officer
Maj NIKOLAISHIK.

f. Former Adolf Hitler Kaserne in the "Buchholz":

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Infantry unit [redacted] with which Maj GOLOVANOV and 1st Lt SMIRNOV were identified.

Two artillery units with which Maj DUDKO and Capt SHUCHKOV were identified.

g. SCHARNHORST-GNEISENAU airdrome:

One artillery battalion, commanded by Maj SHAPICHEV.

One infantry battalion, commanded by Maj OGOLNOKI.

h. Former German insane asylum "Sachsenberg":

Some wards of the hospital, with Capt BORISOV in charge.

i. Former German asylum for insane children "Lewenberg".

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Hospital [redacted] with Maj PAVLOV in charge.

j. The following additional officers were identified in SCHARNHORST:

Maj SHALKIN, administration officer at the ordnance office
Maj KOMAZANOV, at the ordnance office
Capt KONDAKOV, in charge of the officer club in the townhall on Marienplatz
1st Lt NOLAND, in charge of the military laundry on Deutocker-strasse.

[redacted]

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3. a. Recruits were observed practicing with five guns of about 105-mm caliber at the drill ground near SCHARNHORST.

b. Trucks hauling ammunition boxes from the SCHARNHORST freight station to the drill ground [redacted]

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[redacted]

Comments:

[redacted]

b. The "higher unit headquarters" in the southern section of the SCHARNHORST Fritzen Kaserne (referred to as "unit headquarters" [redacted] is assumed to be only a regimental headquarters of a unit located in this kaserne (para 1b).

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c. By information on the occupation of the SCHARNHORST Adolf Hitler Kaserne (para 1 f) [redacted] the 286th Gds Mtz Rifle Reg. of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div was confirmed until 11 July 1949.

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d. The information on the occupation of the other SOVIET kasernes does not differ essentially from previous reports.

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f. The officers mentioned in para 2 are believed to have been identified correctly as some of them were previously mentioned in reports emanating from SOVZONE (e.g. Capt ZAVIN, in charge of quartering affairs in SOVZONE, possibly at the HQ of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div).

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